

Transportation/Land Use Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 2012 @ 1:00 pm
MITW Housing Department
Summary of Proceedings

Task Force Members: Ken Klemens, Jerry Waukau, Karen Vermillion, Jerry Chapman, Gary Schuettepelz, Lew Boyd, Paul Cegelski

Consultant: Kathy Thunes and Nick Musson

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Mr. Boyd opened the meeting at 1:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 2. Comments from Public Informational Booth.** Mr. Boyd stated that he and the consultants recently provided the public an opportunity to view different aspects of the two planning documents at the Elders Empowerment Conference at the Menominee Resort Convention Center on October 23, 2012. He then directed everyone's attention to the sign in sheet and comments from the public information booth. It was suggested that the Task Force review the comments one by one and discuss if any changes should be made to either plan. Mr. Musson said that the sign in sheet was not initially available, but had been put on the table mid-morning. Therefore, more people had stopped by the table than the sign in sheet indicates.

Long-Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Musson explained that most of the comments that were received in regards to the Long-Range Transportation Plan dealt with Transit. Therefore following this meeting, Mr. Musson would be meeting with Mr. Shawn Klemens to talk about these comments in more detail.

- *Public Comment: Veterans would like a vehicle to get to medical appointments. Sometime there is very little advance notice for appointments. In order to use Public Transit, advance notice is required.* Mr. Waukau stated that the Tribal Clinic had a contract with the Menominee County Veterans Service Office in Keshena. He said that Mr. Klemens approached the Menominee County Veterans Service Office in Keshena to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address this issue. As part of the MOU, he offered to provide a vehicle but that nothing had come of it. Therefore the only other option is to utilize the established procedure, which requires advance notice. Ms. Vermillion suggested that Mr. Musson talk with Mr. Ron Corn, since the County was working on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Tribal Transit. She clarified that the County's agreement only dealt with transportation to the College of Menominee Nation.
- *Public Comment: There are a couple of issues needed to be look at: Medical Transportation!! Should be addressed, as Medical, not on a mail run to colleges, people with diabetes and Renal failure, especially. EMPATHY use Empathy.* No comment made.

- *Public Comment: See bus number on bus stop signs. Most pickups – shelter. Bus shelters at Long Lake Road, casino and college.* Mr. Musson explained that Mr. Klemens was already looking at bus signs and shelters.
- *Public Comment: Transportation should have 24 hour on call transit available for domestic violence persons who need an emergency ride to a safe place.* No comment made.

Land Use Plan

Ms. Thunes said that she is looking for input from the task force as to if a recommendation should be added to the Land Use Plan to address any of these concerns.

- *Public Comment: Extend the public water system to the La Motte and Legend Lake Area of Reservation. Water testing on the Reservation has shown high bacteria and sulfur content.* Ms. Thunes said that in past task force discussions it was mentioned that a feasibility study had been completed to extend sanitary sewer around Legend Lake, but that this issue dealt with water. A comment was made that the feasibility study was for the development of a sanitary district around Legend Lake, which should include both sanitary sewer and water. While it is believed that a preliminary feasibility study was done, a copy of it cannot be located. Since the current recommendation in the plan is to develop a feasibility to look at a sanitary sewer extension around the Legend Lake, task force members asked that the recommendation include water as well. Therefore Ms. Thunes will include a recommendation to look at the feasibility of extending the public water system around the lakes.
- *Public Comment: Menominee, Stockbridge-Munsee and other tribes to collaborate in the area of business development.* Ms. Thunes stated that an economic development recommendation was already included in the plan to address collaboration with area Tribes. Ms. Vermillion mentioned that a monthly meeting held in Shawano and coordinated by UW-Extension involved representatives from the different Tribes. She said that Matt Kures was leading this effort. (See ED 1.1.1)
- *Public Comment: More native plant development will bring more native pollinators.* Mr. Boyd said that this comment stemmed from a Keshena Water System Improvement Project completed in 2007 or 2008. When the water tower was erected, the college asked that an area be cleared for natural plantings. Since that time, some interest has been shown for a natural planting area at the college and in other locations on the Reservation. Ms. Thunes was asked to include a recommendation in the land use plan to address this comment. Ms. Vermillion requested that the recommendation contain the word "indigenous".
- *Public Comment: Go green – save energy. More training with the CMN to business.* Ms. Thunes said that an economic development recommendation was already included in the plan to address "green businesses". However, she was not sure if the plan specifically mentioned collaboration with the College of Menominee Nation for businesses on the Reservation and would have to check into this. Mr. Boyd mentioned that when the Save-A-Lot store was constructed in Keshena, the consultant determined that it would cost about 25 percent more to add green components. A suggestion was made to include a plan recommendation to collaborate with the College's Sustainable Development Division and/or Small Business Office. Ms. Vermillion mentioned that possibly businesses could work with

Focus on Energy as well. Focus on Energy could perform a total energy audit and recommend suggestions that would provide the greatest impact for the dollars spent. Mr. Boyd asked if there were any areas on the Reservation where this was already being done. This ignited a discussion about energy saving projects that were currently going on or in the works on the Reservation. Ms. Vermillion felt that the college may have done an audit, especially in conjunction with the new technology building. She is currently working on a project with the county to gather information for Focus on Energy so the county can go forward with some energy saving projects. It was mentioned that the Tribe was already working with Focus on Energy on energy saving retrofits. As a test, LED lighting has already been installed along Warrington Road. The intent is to change the existing lighting to LED in the communities of Keshena and Neopit as well. The Community Development Department worked with a consultant in 2005 to do a Renewable Energy Study which included biogas, hydro-electric and an energy audit for the Tribal offices. Changes had already been made that have decreased the cost of maintenance. It is hoped that energy audits can be done at Menominee Tribal Enterprises offices, the high school and other places to increase energy efficiencies. A 365 day wind energy assessment has also been completed at the cell tower in Neopit.

- *Public Comment: Need to develop more land for housing. MTL can take land out of sustained yield for elder/family housing. Look at housing issues to help people get house at affordable rates, especially elders.* This item was already discussed at previous task force meetings with significant input from task force members.
- *Public Comment: We need a new playground area(s) in the Middle Village area of the reservation, more specifically, two site locations established throughout the Middle Village neighborhoods.* A comment was made that there was some kind of playground already existing in Middle Village.
- *Public Comment: We need the MTL to focus on residential lots as the tribal membership cannot find land available to live on or put a trailer home on.* No comment made.
- *Public Comment: As a summer recreation business owner at Big Smokey Falls, I would like the tribe to consider placing a news stand on the grounds, as well as placing a 'kiosk' on site at Big Smokey Falls for historical information/brochure distribution and viewing.* No comment.

Mr. Musson stated that East Central will work with Mr. Boyd to set up two additional information booths during the month of November to solicit comment from the public. One booth will be set up at the Tribal Clinic and one at the College of Menominee Nation.

3. Long Range Transportation Plan.

a. Plan Updates

Mr. Musson went through the documents in the folder in front of the Task Force members. The first update was on the Indian Reservation Road Condition Inventory. He noted that Mr. Cegelski gave him 2007 to 2011 data, which he was able to display in maps and charts. He explained that the earth roads are a solid black line and the gravel and paved roads were split into three categories: "poor", "fair" and "good". He noted that the gravel roads were dashed and the paved roads were solid lines.

Mr. Musson then went through two additional recommendations added based on comments from the last meeting. The first is an example of a sidewalk ordinance that the tribe can use and customized to their needs. He noted that he took the best parts of the surrounding area's ordinances. The ordinance was broken down into the following categories: consideration for adding sidewalks, obstruction and encroachments, removal of rubbish and dirt, removal of snow and ice, sidewalk grades and construction. He noted that responsible parties for the street snow removal shall not push, plow or otherwise deposit snow on the sidewalk inhibiting the owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice. The second addition was text on asset management approach to managing the tribe's road network.

Mr. Cegelski asked about Nis Road. Mr. Musson said that he would look it up again and get the correct road name.

b. Implementation Table

Mr. Musson went over the implementation tables with the task force and noted that he worked with Mr. Klemens throughout the process. He noted that he added the two recommendations and asked Mr. Klemens to take an additional look.

4. Land Use Plan.

a. Plan Update.

Ms. Thunes distributed copies of Chapter 9: Plan Framework, Chapter 10; Implementation, Chapter 2: Introduction.

b. Plan Framework (Chapter 9).

Ms. Thunes explained that the goals, objectives and recommendations for Economic Development, Housing, Environment, Community Facilities and Land Use that we have been working on separately have been incorporated into Chapter 9. She outlined the changes that have been made to these recommendations per element.

Economic development - Cross references to other element recommendations were added and recommendation to add fiber optics was removed since this had already been completed (ED 1.4.2 and CF 1.2.2).

Housing - No changes.

Environment – No changes.

Community Facilities – Map of existing service area – reference to digital map added as requested by Mr. Waupoose (Tribal Utilities) (CF 1.3.6). The list of school entities that the Tribe should work when new school facilities are added or renovated was expanded (CF 2.1.1). Recommendations relating to recreational facilities were added as requested by Mr. Waukau (Tribal Recreation Department) (CF 3.2.2, CF 3.2.3, CF 3.2.4 and CF 3.2.5).

Land Use – No changes.

Additionally an implementation section containing goals, objectives and recommendations to implement the land use plan was added to the end of Chapter 9. Essentially it gives responsibility for plan implementation monitoring to the Community Development

Department with oversight given to the Community Development Committee. Finally the ultimate responsibility for implementing the plan lies with the Tribal Legislation. It provides a method and a time frame for plan updates and finally emphasis intergovernmental cooperation.

Ms. Thunes was asked to review Forest Crop Law (FCL) properties in Langlade County to ensure that there were no Tribal land in FCL.

Revise recommendation LU 3.3.2 to "Encourage the MTL/MTE Task Force to develop a procedure for the removal and addition of sustain yield lands." If the task force were to have a directive, then something may be done.

Task Force members were asked to review the recommendations and email Ms. Thunes any additional changes that they would like to have made.

c. Implementation (Chapter 10).

Ms. Thunes directed everyone's attention to Chapter 10: Implementation. She stated that it has been easier to approach each sub-element separately, but similar to Chapter 9, the implementation tables will be incorporated into this chapter. She explained that this chapter discusses plan responsibilities similar to the implementation goals, objectives and recommendations section. It also discusses internal consistencies, those within the plan itself and external consistencies, those with other planning documents that may have relevance to the land use plan. She asked the Task Force for some guidance on other planning documents that should be listed in this plan. The Task Force felt that state, regional and comprehensive plans for surrounding towns be excluded. Other plans not listed would include:

- Zoning and Mapping Plan of 1977
- Emergency Management Plan
- Joint Tribal/County Invasive Species Plan (Ms. Vermillion will provide information)
- Long-Term Trust and Management Agreement
- Timber and Invasive Species Plan
- Menominee County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (Ms. Vermillion will provide information)

Ms. Thunes would like to include the exact title and adopted date.

d. Policies and Procedures (Chapter 11).

Ms. Thunes will complete and email to task force.

e. Introduction (Chapter 2).

Ms. Thunes stated that this chapter discussed the project purpose, funding, planning process, public participation, vision process and plan contents.

f. Land Use (Chapter 8).

i. Existing Land Use.

Ms. Thunes said that EC has been working with Mr. Cegelski to update the existing land use maps. All existing land use categories will be update and the corresponding tables updated. Therefore the next draft Land Use Chapter will be slightly different.

ii. Future Land Use.

Ms. Thunes directed everyone's attention to the future land use map. She described the information that is presented and some changes that she is thinking of making to the map. For example the gray areas are environmentally sensitive areas. The existing land use areas are more subdued while the future land use areas are shown in bolder colors, so that they stand out. She said that changes would be made to the map and emailed to the Task Force.

5. Next Steps

The Task Force set the next Task Force meeting for Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Community Development Department.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectively Submitted by,

Nick Musson and Kathy Thunes

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission